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FOLLOWING IS AMBASSADOR HARRY G. BARNES, JR. INDEPENDENCE
DAY ADDRESS, DELIVERED ON ROMTV AND RADIO JULY 4, 1977:
"GOOD EVENING.

TODAY WE COMPLETE 201 YEARS FROM THE PROCLAMATION OF THE
INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES. NATURALLY THIS FIGURE
DOES NOT HAVE THE SAME IMPORTANCE AS THAT OF OUR BICENTENNIAL
WHICH WE CELEBRATED LAST YEART, BUT MEANWHILE WE HAVE A NEW
ADMINISTRATION AND I WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT TO YOU A FEW
HIGHLIGHTS ABOUT THE NEW DIRECTIONS OF THE UNITED STATES
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IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF PRESIDENT CARTER, A NEW DIRECTION,
BUT WITH DEEP ROOTS IN OUR TRADITIONS, ILLUSTRATING THE
FUNDAMENTAL VALUES OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE OF WHICH I SPOKE
LAST YEAR. I WILL ONLY REFER TO TWO BASIC ELEMENTS: FIRSTLY,
IT IS PRESIDENT CARTER'S FIRM DECISION TO PROCEED TOWARD
A RADICAL REDUCTION OF ARMAMENTS, NO MATTER HOW
DIFFICULT THIS WILL BE TO ACHIEVE. SECONDLY, I REFER

TO THE FACT THAT, WHILE ADDRESSING THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, PRESIDENT CARTER SAID IN HIS INAUGURAL SPEECH: "OUR COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS MUST BE ABSOLUTE, OUR LAWS FAIR, THE POWERFUL MUST NOT PERSECUTE THE WEAK, AND HUMAN DIGNITY MUST BE ENHANCED". IT IS IN THIS SPIRIT THAT OUR COUNTRY IS CALLED UPON TO SOLVE ITS DOMESTIC PROBLEMS. IT IS THE SAME SPIRIT THAT WE ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE CONFERENCE FOR SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE AT BELGRADE, STARTING FROM THE DESIRE TO TRANSFORM INTO REALITY ALL THE PRINCIPLES STATED IN THAT DOCUMENT. A PARTICULAR AND NATURAL IMPORTANCE, I WOULD SAY - GIVEN OUR TRADITIONS - WE ATTACH TO MAN. PRESIDENT CARTER HAS CLEARLY DEFINED HIS OPINION ABOUT THIS ISSUE, WHICH INCLUDES NOT ONLY INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS BUT ALSO ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL ONES. TOWARD THIS END THE UNITED STATES HAS COMMITTEED RENEWED STRENGTH TO THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE A MORE FAIR AND EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF THE WORLD'S RESOURCES IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN THE STABILITY OF THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM AND INSURE A BETTER LIFE FOR ALL. IN THIS CONTEXT I WOULD LIKE TO EXPAND FOR A MOMENT ON THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND ROMANIA. IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD THE PERSPECTIVES FOR GROWTH OF BILATERAL TRADE ARE BETTER THAN LAST YEAR WHICH IS DEMONSTRATED, FOR INSTANCE, BUT THE AGREEMENT SIGNED IN BUCHAREST A MONTH AGO WITH THE AMERICAN FIRM "OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM", AN AGREEMENT UNCLASSIFIED

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WHICH PROVIDES FOR LARGE QUANTITIES OF METALLURGIC COAL TO BE TAKEN FROM THE UNITED STATES OVER THE NEXT FORTY YEARS, WHILE ROMANIAN EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES ARE BEING CONSTANTLY INCREASED.

I CANNOT NOT MENTION THE EARTHQUAKE OF MARCH 4 WHICH EVOKED SO MUCH COMPASSION AMONG THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. AT PRESENT A GROUP OF AMERICAN EXPERTS IN HOUSING RECONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR ARE IN ROMANIA. AT THE SAME TIME A DELEGATION OF ROMANIAN SPECIALISTS ARE IN OUR COUNTRY IN ORDER TO SELECT THE EQUIPMENT WHICH WILL BE DELIVERED FOR THIS PURPOSE, AS WELL AS FOR OTHER PURPOSES, AS PART OF THE RELIEF ASSISTANCE GIVEN BY THE UNITED STATES.

WE AMERICANS ARE PROUD OF BEING PRACTICAL AND PRAGMATIC

PEOPLE. MAYBE THAT IS WHY WE ARE ALSO OPTIMISTIC, BEING CONVINCED THAT THERE ARE NO PROBLEMS WHICH CANNOT BE SOLVED. BUT WE REALIZE THAT THERE ARE MANY SITUATIONS FOR WHICH SOLUTIONS CANNOT BE EASILY FOUND. IN CERTAIN AREAS THERE ARE EVEN FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCES. THIS IS ONLY NATURAL, OTHERWISE IT WOULD BE RATHER DULL, BUT AS

I SAID LAST YEAR, IT IS EQUALLY NATURAL TO EXCHANGE
OBJECTIVELY AND SINCERELY OUR IDEAS AND ASPIRATIONS
TO DETERMINE MORE CLEARLY THE AREAS OF COMMON CONCERN
BY WHICH OUR PEOPLES ARE LINKED. AFTER SO MANY YEARS
SPENT IN ROMANIA I KNOW THAT THESE ARE MANY, AND AS A
GOOD AMERICAN I AM OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THEIR REALIZATION.
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